

CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
March 23, 2004      Budget Work Session      5:00 p.m.  
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Clarke County, Virginia, held in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, Second Floor of the Circuit Courthouse, 102 N. Church Street, Berryville, Virginia on Tuesday, March 23, 2004.

Present

Chairman Staelin, Vice Chairman Hobert, Supervisor Dunning, Supervisor Byrd, Supervisor Weiss

Also Present

Tom Judge, David L. Ash, Robina Bouffault, William Houck, Pam Lettie, Val Van Meter and other citizens and members of the press

Call To Order

Chairman Staelin called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

Distribution of Correspondence

David Ash distributed correspondence received from The Honorable H. Russell, Potts, Jr. dated March 22, 2004. Senator Potts outlined the Senate budget provisions he was working to protect including "funding for localities' public education, public safety, mental health needs, the state's Rainy Day Fund, and most importantly, our Trip A Bond Rating."

Supervisor Dunning, in response to Senator Potts' letter, said that the State has not increased taxes in twenty years. He opined that the situation looked bleak.

FY 2005 Budget Discussion

David Ash informed the Board that the personal property numbers were not available. The NADA tabulations were received but there were many vehicles assigned zero values. Warren Arthur has been working since Wednesday, March 17, to manually enter the correct numbers; and he has advised this could take several days. A zero value was given to many vans, as well as vehicles with inaccurate identification numbers.

Mr. Ash requested that the Board use the figures presented to set the budget. Chairman Staelin stated that the budget is based on estimates and he advised using the figures presented, as further delays would cause them to postpone the public hearing. Mr. Staelin noted that the Board did have options if the numbers proved to be wrong.

Supervisor Dunning moved to publish the proposed FY 05 budget as presented. He further moved to authorize the Director of Joint Administrative Services to advertise the full FY 05 budget figures.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Chairman Staelin	-	Aye
Vice Chairman Hobert	-	Aye
Supervisor Byrd	-	Aye
Supervisor Dunning	-	Aye

Supervisor Weiss - Aye

There followed general discussion on the Board of Supervisors review of budgets for constitutional offices, as well as the schools.

There was discussion on carry-over funds for general government. Tom Judge read the policy on carry-over funds requesting that the general government handle in the same manner.

David Ash followed up on a request from Robina Bouffault regarding the School Board's obligation to publish the school budget. Mr. Ash stated that Bob Mitchell was reviewing the matter and would provide a written opinion.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chairman Staelin adjourned the meeting at 6:12 pm.

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is a regular Work Session set for April 12, 2004, at 11:00 am in the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room, Second Floor of the Circuit Courthouse, 102 N. Church Street, Berryville, Virginia.

ATTEST: March 23, 2004

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John Staelin, Chairman

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David L. Ash, County Administrator